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Please amend the above application as follows:

**In the specification**

Please amend paragraph 00001 as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application number 10/389,710 filed March 14, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Application number 10/074,445 filed February 11, 2002, now issued as U.S. Patent number 6,550,547, which is a continuation of U.S. Application number 09/767,426 filed January 22, 2001, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Application number 09/146,12[8]3 filed September 2, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent number 6,179,065 on January 30, 2001.

**In the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) [An]A makeup/breakout system for use with a horizontal boring machine having a drive system, a drill string comprised of pipe sections connectable at threaded pipe joints, and a spindle for connecting the drill string to the drive system, the drive system being comprised of a drive frame, a rotation drive mounted to the drive